

Lobes six or seven pairs, placed opposite, distant from one another below, growing nearer each other to the top of the second leaf, where they run together in the point of it; their figure is oval, and they are crenated round the edge with eight or ten distinct dents.

The dots of seed vessels are placed on the under disk of the lobes, two or three in a row on each side of the nerve, at first white, at last brown, and, when burst, run together, and cover the disk of the lobes, except the margin only.

VARIETIES.

I have seen a variety of this plant, growing in moist and very shady situations, as in the deep fissures of moist rocks where the sun was excluded, or where it was over grown and shadowed with other plants, wherein the leaves were more tall and slender than the above described; the rib of a pale green, the second leaves more remote, the lobes narrower, and the whole plant more light, transparent, and delicate; this is undoubtedly the Polipodium Rheticum of Linnæus, *see Flo. Scot. 679, and my Fig. Tab. 2. Fig. 6.*

Brittle Polipody grows from the fissures of rocks about Ingleton and Settle, in Yorkshire; about Castleton and other places in the high Peak, Derbyshire; on Snowdon in Caernarvonshire, North Wales, abundantly.